

# **City of Takoma Park Residents' Committee On Tax and Service Duplication Issues**

**November 10, 2004  
AGENDA**

7:00 - 7:15 pm Welcome (B. Matthews)

7:15 - 7:25 pm Review of Charge (B. Matthews)

7:25 - 7:30 pm Meeting Schedule (B. Matthews)

7:40 - 8:00 pm Review of Materials (S. Ludlow)

8:00 - 8:20 pm Election of Chair(s) (B. Matthews)

8:20 - 8:30 pm Meeting Re-Cap (B. Matthews)

## **Committee Charge**

### **From City Council Resolution 2004-50**

WHEREAS, the Committee would be charged with the following duties and tasks:

- To become knowledgeable of the legal requirements and constraints of municipal tax duplication in the State of Maryland and in Montgomery County and recommend how the City can communicate this information to the public
- To identify areas where further research is needed concerning tax and service duplication
- To recommend actions the City could take to obtain a fairer tax duplication payment from Montgomery County and to decrease the level of tax duplication paid by City property owners
- To provide assistance and guidance in the development of the resident survey, specifically in regard to those questions concerning City service delivery

*also,*

WHEREAS, the Committee shall provide the City Council with a final report at the conclusion of the aforementioned six-month period [that is, April 11, 2005]

## **Proposed Committee Schedule**

Meetings to be held at Columbia Union College  
unless otherwise noted.

November 10, 2004	Initial Meeting
November 17, 2004	Presentations on State and County Tax Duplication Provisions <i>(To be held in City Council Chambers and televised on cable TV)</i>
December 1, 2004	Meeting 3
December 8, 2004	Meeting 4
January 12, 2005	Meeting 5
January 26, 2005	Meeting 6

Future meetings to be determined.

Draft report should be prepared by end of March, for discussion  
with City Council in April.

## **Review of Committee Materials**

1. Resolution No. 2004-50 establishing the Takoma Park Residents' Committee on Tax and Service Duplication Issues
2. The 2003 Report on County/Municipal Tax Differentials and Tax Rebates issued by the Department of Legislative Services, Office of Policy Analysis in July 2004
3. Paper entitled "Municipal Double Taxation, Montgomery County vs. The City of Takoma Park" written by former City Manager Rick Finn
4. The final report of the Montgomery County Tax Duplication Task Force dated June 5, 1996
5. Article entitled "Municipal Double Taxation in Maryland" authored by James P. Peck, Director, Research and Information Management, Maryland Municipal League, *Municipal Maryland*, November 2003
6. Outline of presentation made by Alfred Martin, City of Hagerstown, at the Maryland Municipal League Conference, June 2003
7. Outline of presentation made by Suzanne Ludlow, City of Takoma Park, at the Maryland Municipal League Conference, June 2003
8. Memo from Charles H. Scherer, Legislative Analyst, to the Montgomery County Council regarding municipal tax duplication payments

**Still to come:** City services list  
Other info?

## Election of Committee Chair(s)

### ***Recommended process:***

Each member has up to three votes to distribute. Please place up to three “x”s in boxes next to the names of members you would like to see be the Chair of the committee.

If Committee decides on a Chair / Vice-Chair model, the person receiving the most votes will be Chair, the person receiving the second highest number of votes will be Vice-Chair.

If Committee decides on a Co-Chair model, the two top vote-getters will be Co-Chairs.

Bruce Baker				Howard Kohn			
Dan Beckley				Karen Mendez			
Keith Berner				Lawrence Mishel			
Kathy Berst				Bruce Moyer			
Colleen Clay				Richard Payne			
Nancy Cohen				Dan Robinson			
John Conger				Joyce Seamens			
Hank Cox				Rita Smith			
Seth Grimes				Mary Stover			
Andrew Kelemen				Christopher Victoria			

## **Meeting Evaluation**

What worked well in this meeting?

What did not work well in this meeting?

What should be improved?

What suggestions do you have to help ensure that the Committee will be able to fulfill the Charge set by the City Council?

Any other comments? (Including comments on meeting place, refreshments, communication methods, etc.)